

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously presented) A sealant-incorporated tire manufacturing method comprising the steps of superimposing an inner liner onto an inner surface of a tire body prior to vulcanization and bonding at least a part of said inner liner to the inner surface of said tire body by vulcanization to define an annular sealant chamber by said inner liner inside a tread of said tire body, in which a mold release sheet having a mold releasing property are placed on a portion of said inner liner facing to said sealant chamber prior to vulcanization,

wherein at least a part of one surface of said mold release sheet has the mold releasing property, and in the vulcanization step, a part of said mold release sheet which has no mold releasing property is bonded to a wall surface of said sealant chamber by vulcanization.

3. (Cancelled)

4-5. (Cancel)

6. **(Previously presented)** A sealant-incorporated tire manufacturing method comprising the steps of superimposing an inner liner onto an inner surface of a tire body prior to vulcanization and bonding at least a part of said inner liner to the inner surface of said tire body by vulcanization to define an annular sealant chamber by said inner liner inside a tread of said tire body, in which a mold release sheet having a mold releasing property are placed on a portion of said inner liner facing to said sealant chamber prior to vulcanization, wherein a plurality of mold release sheets are laminated one on another.

7. **(Previously presented)** A sealant-incorporated tire manufacturing method comprising the steps of superimposing an inner liner onto an inner surface of a tire body prior to vulcanization and bonding at least a part of said inner liner to the inner surface of said tire body by vulcanization to define an annular sealant chamber by said inner liner inside a tread of said tire body, in which a mold release sheet having a mold releasing property are placed on a portion of said inner liner facing to said sealant chamber prior to vulcanization, wherein said mold release sheet is folded into a corrugated shape prior to vulcanization, and said mold release sheet is expanded in the vulcanization step.

8. **(Cancel)**